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FOREWORD

THIS volume brings together in permanent form the monthly issues of *British Book News* for 1941, with the addition of a complete index of titles, authors and subjects. It is a classified and annotated guide to the most important books in all branches of specialised knowledge and of general literature which were published in Britain during 1941.

The annotations are in many cases based upon reviews which have appeared in *The Times Literary Supplement* and *The Times Educational Supplement*, and the selection of books has been made on behalf of the National Book Council by readers who are experts in their own fields.

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Anthropology

1 CONTEMPORARY ANCESTORS. T. Cullen Young. *Religious Tract Society*, 6s.

In this book the author, who has spent much of his life in Africa, deals with aspects of African life which are of importance to all Europeans, whether Government Officials, Missionaries or Settlers, who have to do with Africans.

Art

2 DRAWINGS FROM LIFE. Eric Gill. *Hague & Gill; Dent*, 7s. 6d.

Thirty-six drawings from the nude, with a preface by the artist.

Biography

3 JULES VERNE. Kenneth Allott. *Cresset Press*, 15s.

The first biography to be written in English of the French writer of scientific romances. His most famous work, *Around the World in Eighty Days*, was published in 1872.

4 RICHARD NORMAN SHAW: ARCHITECT, 1831 TO 1912. Reginald Blomfield. *Batsford*, 12s. 6d.

A study, by a contemporary, of the life and work of a well-known English architect of the nineteenth century. 68 illustrations.

5 HESTER LYNCH PIOZZI (MRS. THRALE). J. L. Clifford. *Oxford University Press*, 21s.

A biography compiled from diaries, letters, commonplace books and memoranda, of Mrs. Thrale, famous as the friend of Dr. Johnson. A comprehensive picture of late eighteenth-century life. 8 half-tone plates.

6 SIR GRAFTON ELLIOT SMITH. W. R. Dawson (Editor). *Cape*, 7s. 6d.

A scholarly biography, by a number of his younger colleagues, of the British anthropologist. This book was first published in 1938, shortly after his death. It is now re-issued in the *Academy Books* series.

7 AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Eric Gill. *Cape*, 12s. 6d.

Eric Gill, artist in stone and wood and most famous perhaps for his printing type designs, died last year before his autobiography appeared. He described his book as a "record of mental experience." 8 illustrations.

8 THE STORY OF A NORFOLK FARM. Henry Williamson. *Faber & Faber*, 10s. 6d.

A description of three years' farming of derelict land in Norfolk, by the author of *Tarka the Otter*, which won the Hawthornden Prize in 1928. Illustrated.

Biology

9 BRITISH GRAHAM LAND EXPEDITION. *Oxford University Press.*

Volume 1. No. 1. *The Biology of the Weddell and Crabeater Seals*, by G. C. L. Bertram, 15s.; No. 2. *The Life Cycle of Wilson's Petrel*, by Brian Roberts, 7s. 6d.; No. 3. *The Breeding Behaviour of Penguins*, by Brian Roberts, 5s.; No. 4. *On Two New Species of the Hydroid Myriothela*, by S. M. Manton, 5s.; No. 5. *Anoplura*, by Theresa Clay, 2s. 6d.

10 THE UNIQUENESS OF MAN. J. S. Huxley. *Chatto & Windus*, 10s. 6d.

A new collection of popular scientific essays by one of the outstanding biologists of the day.

11 IN SEARCH OF THE GYR-FALCON. Ernest Lewis. *Constable*, 6s.

An account of the Natural History of North-West Iceland. Illustrated.

12 OBSERVER'S BOOK OF FRESHWATER FISHES OF THE BRITISH ISLES. A. L. Wells. *Warne*, 3s.

Eighty-two species of British freshwater fishes are described. 76 illustrations.

Botany

13 WILD FLOWERS OF THE YEAR. Anne Pratt. *Religious Tract Society*, 5s.

A new cheap edition of a survey of all common British wild flowers. Useful to botanists, as well as to the general reader. 48 coloured plates showing 95 flowers.

Drama and Ballet

14 THE DIAGHILEV BALLET IN LONDON. Cyril Beaumont. *Putnam*, 10s. 6d.

A personal and historical tribute written from long and close acquaintance with every London season that Diaghilev's London Company gave.

15 DRAMA. Desmond MacCarthy. *Putnam*, 9s. 6d.

Dramatic criticism written between 1913 and 1934 by one of London's leading critics, who is also a well-known essayist.

Economics

16 MUNICIPAL TRADING. Herman Finer. *Allen & Unwin*, 16s.

A comprehensive survey of the problems of municipal trading, concentrating on the four main municipal undertakings—electricity, gas, transport, and water.

17 AMERICA'S ECONOMIC STRENGTH. C. J. Hitch. *Oxford University Press*, 2s. 6d.

A concise non-technical account of the development and organisation of the American economy with special reference to its bearings on the European war. Map and 8 diagrams. (*The World Today* series.)

18 EMPLOYMENT AND EQUILIBRIUM. A. C. Pigou. *Macmillan*, 16s.

A book primarily addressed to professional economists. Among the matters discussed are savings and investment, the "classical view," the proportions in which incomes of different sizes are likely to be saved, the rate of interest and the relation between wage-rates and employment.

Education

19 INGLES BASICO EN LECCIONES GRADUADAS. (BASIC STEP BY STEP.) *Basic English Publishing Co.*, 2s. 6d.

This Spanish translation of the thirty steps in the Basic English system provides in itself a complete guide to the Basic method, and gives the best background to other Basic textbooks.

Essays

20 ABINGER HARVEST. E. M. Forster. *Edward Arnold*, 3s. 6d.

The collected essays and papers of an author who is generally regarded as one of the greatest contemporary English novelists. First cheap edition.

History

21 THE UKRAINE. W. E. D. Allen. *Cambridge University Press*, 21s.

The history of the Ukraine from the earliest times up to 1939. 5 maps.

22 U.S.A. D. W. Brogan. *Oxford University Press*, 2s. 6d.

A vivid account of the country, the people and the institutions. Map and 9 illustrations. (*The World Today* series.)

23 THE WAR SPEECHES OF WILLIAM PITT. R. Coupland (Selector). *Oxford University Press*, 5s.

This is a new (third) edition of this selection, with a foreword by the Rt. Hon. Winston S. Churchill. William Pitt was the British Prime Minister at the time of the Napoleonic Wars. He died in 1806.

24 A HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL AUSTRIA. A. W. H. Leeper. *Oxford University Press*, 21s.

A history of Austria beginning with the pre-Celtic inhabitants and ending with the death of Frederick, the last of the Babenberg line in 1246. The author died before he could finish the book which has been revised and edited by two distinguished scholars, R. W. Seton-Watson and C. A. Macartney.

25 PHILIP V OF MACEDON. F. W. Walbank. *Cambridge University Press*, 18s.

This biography examines the internal social and political conditions of Macedon and their effects on Philip's policy, and traces from the Macedonian side the history of his relations with Rome. 2 plates and 10 maps.

26 S.W. PERSIA: A POLITICAL OFFICER'S DIARY, 1907-14. Arnold Wilson. *Oxford University Press*, 15s.

Personal experiences of many journeys through a little-known country, where the author was engaged in formulating or solving problems connected with the discovery of oilfields, the laying-out of railways, the delimitation of frontiers and the complications arising from the traffic in arms.

Medicine

27 BLACK'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY. J. D. Comrie (Editor). *A. & C. Black*, 20s.

Intended to occupy a position somewhere between a technical Dictionary of Medicine and a book of domestic treatment of commoner ailments. For this new edition (the sixteenth) the work has been thoroughly revised, and contains an up-to-date supplement on Treatment of Air Raid Casualties.

28 EXPERIMENTAL PHYSIOLOGY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS. D. T. Harris. *Churchill*, 15s.

The laboratory exercises are designed to present the experimental evidence upon which the science is founded, and are representative, scientifically and vocationally, of the requirements of present-day medical students. Third edition.

29 DEBATABLE TUMOURS IN HUMAN AND ANIMAL PATHOLOGY. W. F. Harvey, E. K. Dawson and J. R. M. Innes. *Oliver & Boyd*, 10s. 6d.

The first of a proposed series of cancer research memoirs, published for the Cancer Control Organisation of Edinburgh and South-East Scotland.

Music

30 THE ORCHESTRA IN THE XVIIIth CENTURY. Adam Carse. *Heffer, Cambridge*, 10s. 6d.

A careful description of the making of concerted music 200 years ago. The case between the purist and the modern "arranger" is clearly made, and the contest between the keyboard-director and violinist-leader vividly described.

31 ON LEARNING MUSIC AND OTHER ESSAYS. H. C. Colles. *Oxford University Press*, 1s. 6d.

Seven short essays written as a result of a mission to Australia and New Zealand appointed by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

32 ORCHESTRAL TECHNIQUE: A MANUAL FOR STUDENTS. Gordon Jacob. *Oxford University Press*, 5s.

Separate chapters discuss the technique of groups of instruments and provide sets of exercises in writing for them. The handbook ends with exercises in scoring for full orchestra and a list of "masterly transcriptions." Second edition.

33 THE LISTENER'S HISTORY OF MUSIC, VOL. III. Percy A. Scholes. *Oxford University Press*, 6s.

This revival—it is the second edition—well serves its declared purpose of "tidying-up the minds of concert-goers and gramophonists," and brings up to date the author's judgments on modern composers.

Occultism

34 HAUNTED ENGLAND. Christina Hole. *Batsford*, 10s. 6d.

A compilation of the richly diversified ghost-lore of England. Illustrated by John Farleigh.

Philosophy and Psychology

35 PERSONALITY AND MENTAL ILLNESS. John Bowlby. *Kegan Paul*, 10s. 6d.

An important essay in psychiatric diagnosis involving a new classification of the neuroses. It should prove valuable to the student of psychiatry and the research worker.

36 THE FACTORS OF THE MIND. Cyril Burt. *University of London Press*, 21s.

This volume embodies the results of a generation's work in educational, clinical, and vocational psychology, and is also a conspectus of the best available methods of practical mental testing and individual diagnoses.

37 SCIENCE VERSUS MATERIALISM. R. O. Kapp. *Methuen*, 10s. 6d.

Among the subjects dealt with are the question whether the material universe is fully determinate, the scope of teleology, the origin of matter, the theory of evolution, the meaning of law in physics and biology.

38 SCHOLASTICISM AND POLITICS. Jacques Maritain. *Bles*, 10s. 6d.

One of the foremost Catholic thinkers of today discusses human personality, freedom and authority, modern political philosophies and the possibilities of a new, more vital democracy.

39 AN INQUIRY INTO MEANING AND TRUTH. Bertrand Russell. *Allen & Unwin*, 12s. 6d.

A feature of the book is an attempt to build a bridge between psychology and modern logic. Based on the 1940 William James Lectures at Harvard University.

40 THE PHILOSOPHY OF DAVID HUME. Norman Kemp Smith. *Macmillan*, 25s.

A critical study of the origins and central doctrines of the philosophy of David Hume, the eighteenth-century philosopher and historian. The author challenges, in several main respects, the views hitherto held in regard to the sources and tendencies of Hume's teaching.

41 THE DIFFICULT CHILD AND THE PROBLEM OF DISCIPLINE. C. W. Valentine. *Methuen*, 4s.

This book, by the Professor of Education in the University of Birmingham, is addressed to students of child psychology and to parents and teachers who are trying to get from psychology some light on problems of discipline and the difficult child.

Poetry

42 POEMS 1930-1940. Edmund Blunden. *Macmillan*, 10s. 6d.

Mr. Blunden's admirers have set greatest store by his interpretation of the English country scene and tradition, but there is convincing evidence in this book of his ability to produce a wide range of subject, form and treatment.

43 SONS OF THE MISTRAL. Roy Campbell. *Faber & Faber*, 2s. 6d.

This is the latest title in the series of *Sesame Books* of selections from contemporary poets.

Reference

44 BANKER'S ALMANAC AND YEAR BOOK, 1940-41. *Skinner*, 50s.

The present volume contains the balance-sheets and essential information of upwards of 3,000 International Banking concerns.

45 POCKET ATLAS OF THE WORLD AND GAZETTEER. J. Bartholomew (Editor). *Bartholomew*, 2s. 6d.

A new edition with 16 pages war supplement and 80 pages gazetteer.

46 THE CONCISE OXFORD FRENCH DICTIONARY. A. Chevalley and M. and G. W. F. R. Goodridge. *Oxford University Press*, 10s.

An English-French section (see below) has been added to the original work which the *Journal of Education* called ". . . for its size and price, the best French-English dictionary. . . ."

47 A PRACTICAL ENGLISH-FRENCH DICTIONARY. G. W. F. R. Goodridge (Compiler). *Oxford University Press*, 5s.

For use in English-speaking countries, being the English-French section of *The Concise Oxford French Dictionary*. Special attention has been given to commercial terms, to the general requirements of schools, and to the vocabulary of modern warfare.

48 WHITAKER'S ALMANACK, 1941. *Whitaker*, complete edition (cloth) 10s., shorter edition (paper) 5s., library edition (half leather) 15s.

"Whitaker" is a book of facts about Great Britain, the Dominions and Colonies, and other countries.

Religion

49 WALTER HOWARD FRERE. J. H. Arnold and E. G. P. Wyatt (Editors). *Oxford University Press*, 10s. 6d.

A collection of papers on liturgical and historical subjects by Walter Howard Frere, late Bishop of Truro. The Alcuin Club, of which Dr. Frere was President, has reproduced in this single volume the majority of his most useful essays contributed to learned reviews.

50 CHRISTIAN POLITY. V. A. Demant. *Faber & Faber*, 3s. 6d.

A new edition of a book by an "unorthodox economist and an orthodox theologian," who has written much on Christian sociology and related fields.

51 HONEST RELIGION. John Oman. *Cambridge University Press*, 7s. 6d.

A book of devotion by the late Dr. Oman which will be welcomed by all denominations of Christians.

52 FAMOUS ENGLISH SERMONS, 730-1939. Ashby Sampson (Editor). *Nelson*, 5s.

A collection of English sermons from the Venerable Bede down to the present day. Colet, Latimer, Donne, Jeremy Taylor, Swift, Wesley, Newman, Spurgeon, Scott Holland and G. Campbell Morgan are among those included.

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53 ASTRO-NAVIGATION. PARTS 1 AND 2. Francis Chicester. *Allen & Unwin*, 2s. 6d. each.

A third part is to follow, the whole work being numbers 3, 4 and 5 of the *Observers Books* series. The object of this book is to help an observer learn sufficient astro-navigation for position-fixing in the air.

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56 PHOTOGRAPHIC FACTS AND FORMULAS. F. J. Jordan. *Chapman & Hall*, 18s.

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57 INTERNAL-COMBUSTION ENGINEERING. A. T. J. Kersey (Editor). *Blackie*, 17s. 6d.

The object of this book is to present a general survey of the construction, applications and operation of all classes of internal combustion engines.

58 ELECTRON-INERTIA EFFECTS. F. B. Llewellyn. *Cambridge University Press*, 7s. 6d.

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59 WORKS BOILER PLANT. F. J. Matthews. *Hutchinson*, 10s. 6d.

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This book, with bibliography, will prove useful to geologists and mineralogists. Revised edition.

61 THE CENTURY OF SCIENCE. F. Sherwood Taylor. *Heinemann*, 8s. 6d.

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62 ORGANIC CHEMISTRY. F. Sherwood Taylor. *Heinemann*, 10s. 6d.

An illustrated review of an important branch of chemistry, dealing systematically with the subject and also including all important commodities of economic value.

63 TRANSFORMERS. E. E. Wild. *Blackie*, 5s.

A concise account of the theory, design and operation of transformers, with chapters on testing and on transformers for certain special purposes. Many diagrams.

Sociology

64 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. J. H. Bagot. *Cape*, 5s.

A comparative study of the position of juvenile delinquency in Liverpool and in England and Wales.

65 PENAL REFORM IN ENGLAND. L. Radzinowicz and J. W. Cecil Turner (Editors). *King*, 10s. 6d.

This collection of papers by experts on various aspects of penal reform is published under the auspices of a Committee appointed by the Faculty Board of Law at the University of Cambridge to consider the promotion of research and teaching in criminal science.

66 MIGRATION TO AND FROM THE BRITISH ISLES. R. S. Walshaw. *Cape*, 5s.

The author assembles a body of statistics relating to problems and policies of British migration, and analyses them in a convincing manner.

Sport

67 BROWN WATERS. W. H. Blake. *Macmillan*, 21s.

A Canadian angling classic, first published in 1915, with a preface by the late Lord Tweedsmuir. De luxe edition (limited to 1,000 copies) containing 8 reproductions in full colour by the well-known Canadian painter, Clarence A. Cagnon.

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68 THE ROAD TO OXIANA. Robert Byron. *Macmillan*, 5s.

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